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Voters choose incumbent, newcomer

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It appears the incumbent Democratic State Representative has won the right to face a Republican newcomer in November.

Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) carried a vast lead as the votes flooded in the Wayne County Office of Elections Tuesday night. With 90 percent of the precincts in District 22 counted, Hopgood carried 1,233 votes, versus the 482 earned by his challenger, Kenneth Johnson.

District 22 includes Romulus, Taylor and Southgate.

The victory almost ensures a victory for the two-term representative, given the strongly Democratic demographics of the district. He will go on to face Ben Armstrong, who with the same number of precincts counted, won 620 votes.

Armstrong was the only Republican in the contest.

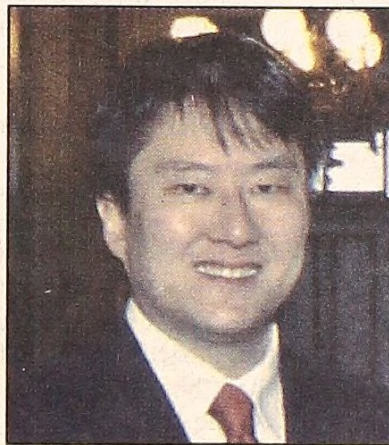


Ben Armstrong

Hopgood said in an interview last week that he would work hard to win every spare vote in the final days leading up to the primary.

"I don't think you can ever relax too much in the final days of campaigning, though," he added. "I'll still be working to get out the vote."

In the race for the open District 8 state senate seat, Republican challenger Fred Kalsic appears to have beaten



Hoon-Yung Hopgood

Guy Rupert by about 600 votes for the right to face incumbent State Sen. Ray Basham, a two-term Democrat.

District 8 includes Romulus, Wayne, Allen Park, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Southgate, Taylor and Wyandotte.

Looking ahead toward November, all of the state and county candidates will face several statewide and local issues during the next two years. Romulus



Ray Basham

has been better able to cope with state-shared revenue reductions that some of its neighbors, but a better climate for business development would help the city move forward on long awaited projects like the development of the Metro World Center near the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Also lurking in the background is the specter of the Pinnacle Aeropark, which got a jump-start

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Body could be missing Detroiter

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus police investigators are still determining if the burned body of an African American child found in a field Monday morning is that of missing Detroiter Raven Jeffries, 7.

Detective Lt. John Leacher said police received a call from a telecommunications worker in the area that a body was in a vacant field near Henry Ruff and Ecorse roads. The body was burned badly, making identification difficult.

"An autopsy will be performed today," he said. "That will tell us many of the things we need to know, but it could be awhile before we have a positive identification."

The girl's body was found in a grassy area, he added.

Jeffries went missing from her home in the 6500 block of McDonald on the west side of Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday. An Amber Alert issued on her behalf yielded few results until Monday morning, when

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In the swing

Young tennis aficionados gathered last week for Romulus Athletic Director Mark Woodson's tennis clinic. There, at half-day camps, students learned more about individual skills, playing with grace, the rules of the game and discipline. This year, about 40 teens took part in the clinic. "We look forward to conducting these camps again next year, and we appreciate the excellent community support we have received," he said. Here (left to right) players Julie Littler, Jamie Laura, Makayla Taylor, Amber Dyer, Anastasia Helton and Alissa Milspaugh take time out after a busy day on the court.

Elderly, disabled can defer taxes this year

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Staff Writer

Older and disabled residents may get a temporary reprieve on their summer and winter property taxes this year under a plan voluntarily put into place by the City of Romulus.

Homeowners meeting cer-

tain criteria may defer their summer and winter taxes without incurring costly penalties and interest until Feb. 28, 2007. The plan was also put into place last year, and helped a lot of seniors struggling with increased costs for gas, utilities and other expenses, officials said.

Romulus City Council members agreed at their Monday night meeting to adopt a resolution to allow the deferment program to move forward.

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, the city treasurer, said many people have told her they're having

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City sticks with Senior Alliance plan

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Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members voted to enter into The Senior Alliance two-year plan at their regular meeting Monday.

The Senior Alliance is a county-sponsored program that partners with Wayne County municipalities to defray the costs of services like Meals on Wheels, computer classes, holiday meals, and legal aid. Thirty-four communities in southern and western Wayne County are part of the consortium.

The city will pay \$2,587 dollars to the alliance to remain a member, according to the plan

approved by the alliance board last month.

"I don't think we could offer any of the services they do in the community for less at this time," said Councilman Harry Crout, who voted for the plan. "Our budget is really tight right now."

The Senior Alliance was formed in 1980 to help municipalities offer more opportunities to seniors for less cost. Romulus – which opened a new senior center on Bibbens Road last year – has enviable levels of volunteerism and an adequate facility – but it remain unclear if the department could maintain the level of services without the

assistance of the alliance.

"I know personally many people that enjoy the support of the senior center, and some of that stuff is supported by the alliance," Crout said. "It's a very good thing to have."

The alliance is also in better shape than it has been in the last few years. In 2004, it was discovered during an independent audit that the alliance – which has several contracts with Wayne County – owed about \$500,000 for Meals on Wheels programs. Bob Brown, the alliance director, and Wayne County Health and Human Services personnel worked out a three-year repayment plan.

Municipalities were asked to contribute a modest amount to bring down the debt. According to the plan approved by the alliance board, the repayment plan to the county is running five months ahead of schedule. The plan will net the agency \$240,000 and will allow programs to move forward uninterrupted.

The alliance has also worked to pay off outstanding payables. In August 2004, outstanding payables were estimated at \$300,000 to \$400,000. Any payables incurred before the 2005 fiscal year have been paid, according to information in the multi-year plan.

Taxes - Income level raised for deferments for qualified homestead taxpayers

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some difficulty making tax payments.

"I had someone walk up to me last night to tell me that they have a mobile home that they're paying storage on, and that they're having a hard time paying for gas," she said. "His income is \$29,000, and he's never taken advantage of a deferment before. I told him, 'Now, you're qualified.'"

The deferment program is made possible by the Michigan Compiled Law and General Property Act 211.53, which gives individual municipalities the ability to offer extensions in certain situations. The income level for participants used to be

\$25,000, but that was raised to \$35,000 last year, Kersey said.

The criteria for deferring property taxes are:

- The taxpayer must be 62 years old or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years old at the time of his or her death;
- Be paraplegic or quadriplegic;
- An eligible serviceman or woman, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower of a veteran;
- Be totally and permanently disabled;
- Have a household income that does not exceed \$35,000.

Because of the state of the economy, Kersey said she expects more seniors will defer their property taxes.

"People are having a difficult time right now," she said. "This is especially true for senior citizens on a fixed income. Many of them qualify for this – and we try to do everything we can to make sure we help out our seniors."

The best things about the program is that there are no penalties on summer taxes until after Feb. 28, and a two-week grace period for winter taxes, Kersey said.

For other taxpayers, there are no special programs, but Kersey said she's surprised at an increase in payments in 2006.

"We seemed to have more taxpayers on our reports as delinquent when we did our end-of-the-year report last year,"

she said. "People are really catching up this year. The flow has been very good."

According to state statistics, Wayne County has the highest numbers of foreclosures in Michigan. Kersey was not able to immediately say how many delinquent taxpayers there are in the City of Romulus.

Applications for the program must be filed at the treasurer's office no later than Sept. 30. Applications can be obtained at the treasurer's office on the first floor of city hall until 6 p.m.

Romulus City Hall is located at 11111 Wayne Road. For more information about deferring taxes, call Kersey's office at (734) 942-7580.

Election

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last week when it was announced that a Troy developer would build two facilities on the site in Huron Township near Romulus.

Ed Boike, a county commissioner for 18 years, is currently serving on a panel that is working to find ways to speed up progress on the Aeropark. He is facing Republican challenger David Garrassi in November.

Romulus ballots were counted by the late evening hours of Tuesday, but City Clerk Eva Webb said results that included absentee ballots – which have to be taken to county offices in Detroit – would be unavailable by The Roman's deadline.

The general election is scheduled for Nov. 3. On the ballot will also appear two candidates who are seeking the 34th District judicial seat, incumbent Judge Tina Brooks Green and Belleville attorney Thomas Dipietro.



School's cool

Romulus students avoided the heat by taking part in a regional summer school program for middle and high school students that covered several districts. Here (left to right first row), Casey Merrow, Stanley Lewicki, Diamond Smith, Anthony Tores, Kahlil Hamilton, Charnell, Blue and Marcus Lewis joined (left to right, second row) Marcus Gatt, Eddie Colquitt, Jonathan Ketzner, Jacob Heil, Justin Sawdy, and Jacob Wolfe to learn during the summer break.

Girl - Joint police investigation likely into identity of corpse found in Romulus

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Romulus dispatch received a call from the worker.

Detroit Police spokesman Sgt. Omar Feliciano said the department is still treating the Jeffries issue as missing person case until an identification is made.

"Romulus (Police) are following up on their side of the investigation," he said. "Once we know more about who was in that field, we'll know how to proceed with this."

Leacher said dental records would likely be used to make a positive identification, and that the findings from any tests concerning the victim's identity

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Detective Lt. John Leacher

would be available in a few weeks. That evidence was taken to the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory by evidence technicians for analysis.

The scene at the field where the girl was discovered was processed by three Romulus police investigators, an evidence technician and two patrolman Monday afternoon. Detroit Police detectives arrived on the

scene to assist Romulus officers, along with FBI personnel.

Both Feliciano and Leacher said the investigation here will depend on who the girl in the field is, and where she lost her life.

"If it's (Raven Jeffries), an investigation where one department in the lead and the other assists could occur," Leacher said. "It depends on what hap-

pened to her here in Romulus."

Few tips have emerged regarding the girl's disappearance since Friday. Raven Jeffries' mother Brenda Jeffries did receive a call from a child who said she saw the girl, but hung up before she could provide further information. She appealed to the child through the local media in hopes of speaking to the child again.

Leacher said there are no suspects at this point.

Anyone with information about the Jeffries case is asked to call Detroit Police at (313) 596-5301. Anyone who suspects they saw something suspicious in Romulus should call Det. Sgt. Jeff Lazarski at (734) 942-6887.

News in brief

Horse shoes tournament ropes in adults

The Future Youth Basketball Team in Romulus is looking for participants 18 years old or older for a horseshoe tournament.

Both men and women are welcome to compete for first, second and third place trophies and assorted prizes.

Winners will be chosen using a best out of two throws. The first leg of the competition begins Friday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Coleman Center. The second will begin the following Saturday at noon. Those with the best tosses will be invited back on Sunday, Aug. 27 to compete for the championship.

The tournament is a fundraiser for the basketball league. Single competitors are asked for a \$10 donation, and doubles are asked for \$20.

The Coleman Center is located at 35351 Beverly Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 775-1753 or (734) 721-5655.

Recreation department extends trips

By popular demand, the Romulus Recreation Department has extended the summer trips program into the week starting Aug. 17.

This will be the last chance for residents to enter children into the trips program for the year.

The trips program offers students a chance to engage in recreational activities close to home and far away. On Aug. 17, a "Healthy You" trip is planned.

On Aug. 18, a trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, is also planned. Children who are at least 14 years old can attend with a signed permission slip. Children under 14 need to travel with a parent.

The cost of the trips depends on the nature of the outing. For more information regarding the trips, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Crafters wanted

St. Aloysius Church in Romulus is seeking crafters and vendors for its 26th Annual Festival Craft Show.

The craft show is scheduled for Aug. 25-27. A donation of \$50 is required for the weekend.

For more information about the fair and craft show, call festival co-chairman Rob McLachlan at (734) 941-3829.

OPINION

One down, one to go

Voters earned a reprieve from the election season barrage that had filled their mailboxes with literature, their voice mails with familiar names endorsing their favorites and the airwaves with promises of a better future.

Some of the candidates have earned a bit of breathing room, too, since the primary settled a number of contentious races throughout the region.

For those who remain in the various races, here's another bit of advice we hope you'll follow throughout the remainder of the campaign season: keep it clean.

There are a number of high-profile elections that will be decided in November, including campaigns for congress, state senate, state representative, county commission and county executive—not to mention governor. The potential is there for a few more months of negative campaigning—in a year that's already seen some pretty low points.

Let's try to stay above all that.

Negative campaigning is, sadly, a tried and true method of getting one's point across—or at least of slinging enough mud and obscuring enough issues to camouflage the fact that a particular candidate may not have many points to make, other than by following the party platform.

Coming off an important primary, though, that still saw a pathetic voter turnout, we have to ask if this practice is turning voters away from the polls. Maybe that's the reason why so few people choose to vote anymore: maybe they're all just sick of the mudslinging, the aspersions, the allegations and the finger pointing that lead up to the big day.

Clerks throughout western Wayne County are always lamenting the low turnout at elections. Their goal to increase voter turn out suffered a blow this year when many of them decided to not automatically send out absentee ballots due to issues that came up last year in Detroit and the idiotic court rulings that followed.

Let's not give voters another reason to tune out and not get involved. The best way to get people to take part in elections is to make them important again. Don't circumvent them by essentially passing the torch of an elected office to a friend or family member. Don't sully them with negativity. If you keep them clean and keep them relevant, the people will return.

An optimistic first step

While it's nice to see something happening at the proposed Pinnacle Aeropark project, we caution anyone who thinks this long-delayed proposal will be the savior of western Wayne County.

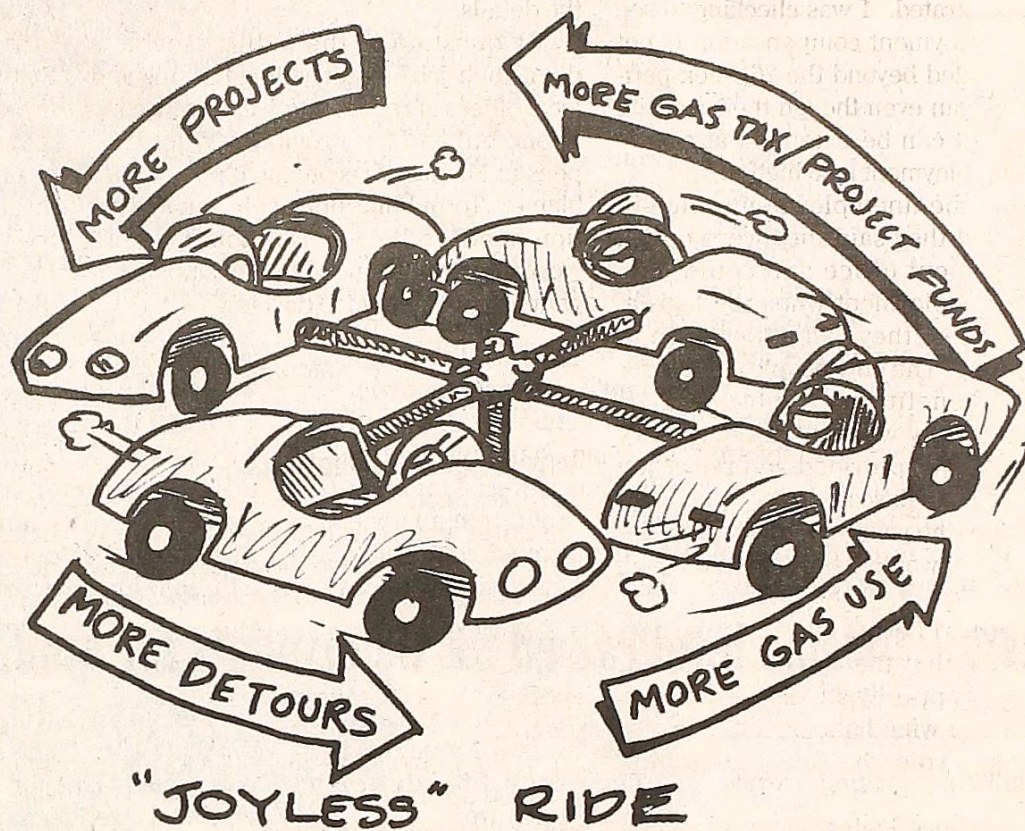
For those who don't know, the project was conceived about 10 years ago under a different county administration. Located in Romulus and Huron Township, it was projected to be a 1,200 acre business park that would include a variety of uses, a variety of firms. It would rely on the transportation hubs of the nearby freeways and the airport and provide an economic boon to the county, overall.

That was 10 years ago, when things were still going relatively well.

Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and Troy based Developer Stuart Frankel announced the first project for that area last week. The project, a 150-acre development that includes office and warehouse space, has no defined tenants yet, but it will provide something that is desperately needed: the first step.

Development hasn't exactly shied away from western Wayne County—there are major projects going up everywhere, from Van Buren Township to Plymouth and Northville—but the economy here is still lagging. What's been needed is someone to take a large gamble

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An insidious plan unraveled

"I see red...and it hurts my head."

The snarl on my face gave evidence to that song lyric, which ran through my head last week.

It was a Wednesday night and I was stuck, no matter which way I turned. The roads were gridlocked, awash in a sea of brake lights and slowly fogging windows. I could do nothing but snarl and fume and grip my steering wheel and wonder where it all went wrong.

It hadn't been that long ago, in the grand scheme of things. I was at Six Mile and Haggerty roads at about 5 p.m., knowing I had to get home to Wayne, get cleaned up and then be back in Northville for a 7 p.m. meeting.

Plenty of time, I told myself then.

Well, I can laugh about it now. It's all behind me. It helped me realize a few things, though, and I finally gained an understanding of the insidious plan being carried out by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

First of all, the freeway was at a standstill. Haggerty Road? Crawling.

A quick turn around took me to Newburgh Road, where I saw nothing but brake lights.

I had to stick with one course, though, so I gritted my teeth and crawled down that road, thinking Plymouth Road and Wayne Road would be different.

Wrong.

Time went by. Rain fell. Cars inched along the road. I stewed.

About an hour later, I was home, chewing on a

chicken bone while I changed my clothes to head back to Northville.

Back to Northville? Wait a minute: how the blazing hell was I going to get back to Northville in 40 minutes, when it had taken me an hour and 20 minutes to get home?

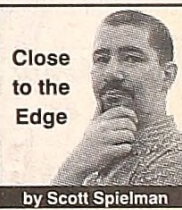
I sketched out the possible routes in my head. Let's see, Newburgh was closed in one place, down to a lane in either direction elsewhere. M-14 had everything tied up, the bridges over it were either closed or nearly so. Maybe if I headed far enough west or east?

That's when it hit me, the reason you can't drive anywhere this year. It wasn't blatant incompetence from or a lack of communication between the state, county or local governments. It was actually an ingenious plan.

Most of the funding for road improvements comes from taxes on gas. The economy is still in the toilet, gas is at about \$3 a gallon—probably more by the time this is printed—and the department of transportation needs to make sure it has enough funding to carry on its work. It's an easy problem to solve: you simply transform every 2-mile trip into a 20-mile trip—through detours!

It all makes sense now.

It's too bad I can't just meekly accept my role in this gigantic cycle. I'm too busy preparing a bill for the time I've lost while sitting in my car, trying to get from point A to point B. Now if I could just figure out who to send it to....



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Are we doomed to relive history?

News may be the stock and trade of reporters, but we aren't a group likely to pass up a good chance for retrospection.

When not busy writing the "first rough draft of history" (or, if you don't like that cliché, fulfilling some other of your choosing) we also engage in the periodic looking back. Scanning the papers and television news broadcasts, you might determine that our favorite phrase after "he said" could be "years ago today."

For instance, 58 years ago today, *Candid Camera* became a regular feature on *The Tonight Show*. OK, that's not quite the stuff of special sections—not until the next round numbered-anniversary or Peter Funt dies, whichever comes first.

Monday, as it happens, is the third consecutive Aug. 14 on which we will have been able to open canned food with relative ease. Oh, and cook it, too, and drink water from the tap. You know, the little things. The blackout of 2003, which extended from New York to our state, disrupted our civilized ways

of doing things and had us on the brink of reexamining our overscheduled lifestyles until the lights flickered on three days later.

It was one of those where-were-you days; I was busy getting ready to move back to college, where "blackout" has a decidedly more personal and head-throbbing connotation.

Yes, it was momentous and we news people aren't going to let you forget about it. Those in Queens are maybe too busy pointing fingers over their most recent blackout, but the rest of us are left to wonder each ensuing year why the region went dark in 2003 and whether we are doomed to relive it.

Quick references to the 2003 situation appeared during the heat wave last week, when we set records for power use, but *The Detroit Free Press*



Local ties

by Kevin Hill

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LETTERS

Resident questions officials

To the editor:

I am frustrated. I was checking to see why unemployment compensation is not being extended beyond the 26 week period in Michigan even though their website states that it can be extended at a time when unemployment is so high.

I called the unemployment office in Lansing and they said they were only a reimbursement office and could only extend unemployment when the legislature tells them they can – they have to enact the law. The only people eligible for extended benefits were those laid off when a company went out of the country or the employer provided additional job training. What a fiasco...

I spoke to the governor's office and the aide said they would pass it on to the governor.

I called Carl Levin's office and the gentleman said that the President did not think it was a priority and it was his fault. When I asked what happened to our representatives voice he said I was being recorded.

I called Bruce Patterson's office and a gentleman called back and said it was the governor's fault because she did not put it in the budget. My call was recorded and he would pass it on.

I called Phil LaJoy's office and a nice

gal named Wendy said she would call the MESC (or its present name) and find out the details.

My question of the public is who is doing their job? I quit calling Lansing and local offices of representatives because my phone bill will be atrocious. What happens in Michigan's economy if no one is to blame? Term limits don't help, but legislation needs to be coherent and made to work for people. I need to see action from people who are paid to do a job.

Marilyn Montgomery,
Belleville

Activist explains complaints

To the editor:

I am sending this letter before the primary election, because the outcome doesn't matter with respect to the issues involving the Plymouth Historical Museum.

I have been complaining about the political use of the museum for the past six years and this was the first year the blatant use of the museum could be documented. I have a strong objection to individuals using charitable organization assets for personal gain. If such a thing didn't take place, why did the museum board vote unanimously to relieve the director of her position?

My goal wasn't to get someone fired

from their position, but to have the museum be a museum and not a springboard for a political career. There were several attempts to get them and Mrs. (Beth) Stewart to stop what they were doing, but to no avail. Every document, information and charges, including the proof were given to the museum and their attorney in an attempt to get the museum to stay out of the political arena. If Mrs. Stewart was so interested in protecting the museum, why did she use the museum assets for her political gain?

As I see it, I took the steps necessary to ensure the protection of the museum. The museum is now putting policies in place to ensure this never happens again.

Yes, I do support many different candidates for public office and will continue to do so. I do not believe the Stewarts belong as representatives in Lansing.

There is much more to say about all of this and I have realized this is not a popular position to have taken. I believe we all, at some time in our lives, need to stand up and let our voices be heard. It is too bad it was related to politics and other candidates, but the museum and Mrs. Stewart committed the violations, not I.

This, too, shall pass and the museum will be a place for all to stop by and visit.

Carl Berry,
Plymouth

History

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launched this year's round of blackout-remembrance in force Sunday, eight whole days before the 14th, asking, "Could we go dark again?" and answering it with, "maybe, maybe not; like everything, it's possible." I'm paraphrasing.

The electric companies say they've shaped up—one of the reasons the blackout affected so many was because nobody told anybody else when their part of the grid experienced a dramatic loss, causing a cascading failure to shut down plants across the region—but there remains the stingy problem of equipment that is woefully outdated and, by some accounts, barely able to power our DVD players.

It evokes in the layman a vision of the nation's grid as science-fiction contraption: quivering, sparking incessantly and just suppressing the inevitable explosion. One begins to wonder why we don't stop everything and just upgrade our electrical infrastructure, instead of failing to do it in other countries. (\$3 billion spent for the grids in Iraq and the switches still don't work.)

No sense harboring such pessimism, though, right? We news guys can get so depressing that way. In some respects that blackout was a lot of fun—here in the suburbs, at least, it brought neighbors together and let us see the stars again.

If another prolonged outage occurs, just remember that it too shall pass. We would still have each other and the stars and our sweat.

And rest assured, we'll get to watch those Candid Camera DVDs when the power surges into our homes again. Oh, Peter Funt! Electricity or no, what would the world do without you?

Pinnacle

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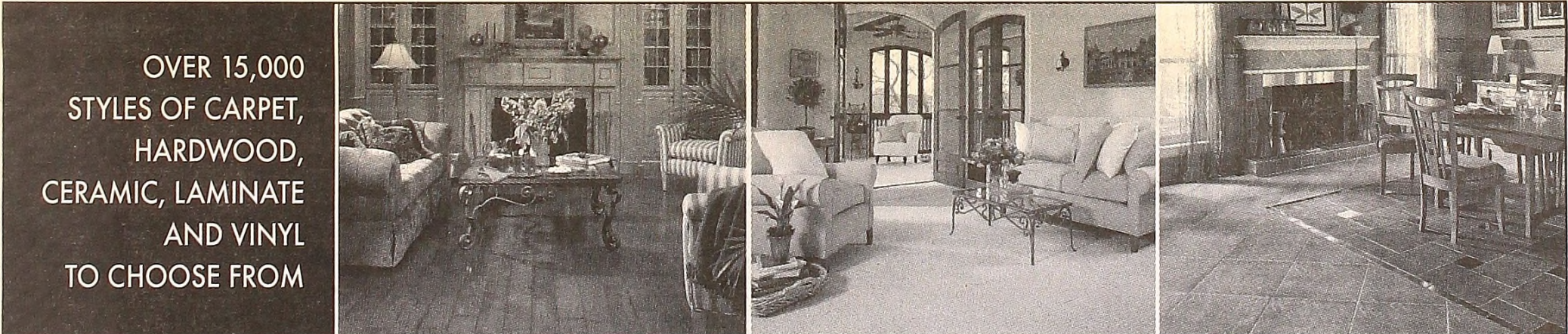
to push the county toward a more viable future at a time when many developers are content to hang on to their land and see what happens to the economy.

Hopefully this project will meet with success. Hopefully, it will prove to be the economic stimulus that it was portrayed to be and soon attract tenants who had merely been waiting for a nice, large new structure to set up shop in.

The potential for development in this and other areas of Wayne County is tremendous. We're still not sure why

Toyota seemed more interested in sites further west; perhaps it had something to do with the general feeling that Wayne County is a slow machine for developers to work their way through.

Even if this does prove a boon to the region, though, we caution anyone from opening the champagne bottles yet. We've still got a long way to go.



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At long last Pinnacle project near airport will bring jobs to area

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The long-awaited Pinnacle Aeropark came closer to reality last week when Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel announced he would build an office building and warehouse facility on I-275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township.

The project is the first private-public partnership at Pinnacle. There are no tenants yet and the project is expected to break ground next year, said Frankel at a press conference last week.

“This is a great opportunity and a great challenge for us, he said. “I believe this could have a major impact on changing Southeast Michigan in attracting new investment.”

Frankel signed the deal for the two buildings with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to develop the first 150 acres of Pinnacle – which is a proposed 1,200-acre business and technical park that will be built north of Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.

Talk of developing the land there first began 10 years ago, under the tenure of late County Executive Edward McNamara. The goal of that administration was to capitalize on attracting businesses that could work with the airport and use it as a catalyst to create jobs, but it has remained a concept until now.

But many officials – those in the City of Romulus especially – have doubted the concept would ever get off the ground, especially given the state of the economy

in Michigan. Even though Frankel’s development is in Huron Township, officials in Romulus view the project positively.

“Any movement in a forward direction is good,” said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert. “They’ve (the county) been talking about this for nine or 10 years now, and nothing’s really happened. Now that something will be built there, it’s going to make it easier to develop the rest of the land and attract new projects.

“I’ve talked to several developers here in the city, and they’re just sitting back to see what happens (with the economy),” he added.

Frankel’s plan includes a 50,000 square-foot office building and a 200,000 square-foot distribution center.

Getting Pinnacle off the ground will require funding. Wayne County is providing \$7 million for infrastructure improvements and road construction, \$6 million of which will be paid through by federal grants.

Ficano praised Frankel’s interest in Wayne County.

“The Frankel development is the first concrete step at the Pinnacle site to build on Wayne County’s vision for the region and the state in order to sustain long-term economic competitiveness,” he said.

Ficano said the county has engaged in marathon negotiations with Frankel for 10 months. “We’ve worked hard to find a developer and we’re talking to others,” he said. “There were two developers under the McNamara administration, but they



Developer Stuart Frankel (left) laughs with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano (right) after a press conference to announce the plans for the Pinnacle Aeropark.

dropped out.”

The long-term goal is to create a business hub for Wayne County in Romulus and Huron Township similar to the ones that exist in Troy and Southfield in Oakland County, Ficano said. However, he doesn’t see a scenario where other business-laden areas in the county – mainly Detroit – will suffer.

“It’s an either or situation,” he said. “The economic engine of the area is going to be the I-94 corridor, from Detroit to Ann Arbor. It’s a really a win-win for the state. This plan is part of an overall Aerotropolis plan, and in the global econ-

omy, it’s not so much location-location-location as it is speed-speed-speed.”

Since the development was conceived almost 10 years ago, however, securing financing and acquiring land from private and public entities has created unforeseen obstacles.

Lambert said he hopes those obstacles have now been overcome, especially given the high rate of unemployment in the state.

“There are quite a few bigwigs working on this, and I know they’re working hard,” he said. “I really think this project will fall into place.”

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that each year, the Van Buren School District offers Career and Technical Education programs through Belleville High School. These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. The following is a list of programs being offered this year and the criteria for admission.

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Office Occupations Co-op	12 th	Recommendation of Co-op Coordinator
Marketing Co-op	12 th	Recommendation of Co-op Coordinator in Marketing
Auto Body Repair I	11 th	None
Auto Body Repair II	12 th	Auto Body I and Teacher Recommendation
Auto Mechanics I	11 th	None
Auto Mechanics II	12 th	Auto Mechanics I and Teacher Recommendation
Aviation Maintenance I	11 th	Career Interest Form, Application with MIAT, Grade C or better in Algebra, School Attendance, Limited After School Activity, Recommendation of Guidance Counselor
Aviation Maintenance II	12 th	Completion of Aviation Maintenance I
Construction Technology I	11 th	None
Construction Technology II	12 th	Construction Technology I and Teacher Recommendation
Electronics I	11 th , 12 th	None
Electronics II	12 th	Completion of Electronics I with a Grade of “C”
H.V.A.C. I	11 th , 12 th	None
H.V.A.C. II	11 th , 12 th	None
T & I Co-op	12 th	Recommendation of Co-op Coordinator and Enrollment in related course for area of employment
Welding I	11 th	None
Welding II	12 th	Welding I
Beginning Cosmetology	11 th	None
Advanced Cosmetology	12 th	Beginning Cosmetology

All career and technical education programs follow the district’s policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all programs, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation.

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Making the grade

New Belleville High School principal ready to move forward

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Shelia Brown, the new principal of Belleville High School, said she wants to help the school move in a positive direction.

"I look forward to working with the staff and students. It's going to be a lot of listening and watching to start off," she said. "I'm not coming in to make big changes. I'm coming in to lead initiatives."

One of those initiatives, she said, will be the addition of the Professional Learning Communities to the Van Buren Public School District.

"I applaud Belleville for doing this," said Brown. "We'll be able to see the scores go up, teachers connecting more and a lot of good direction out of this. There will be a learning curve, but it's a good commitment from the staff and will be a terrific initiative."

She should know, too.

The new high school restructuring plan, which will tie-in with the professional learning communities concept, is something Brown has experience with. She worked with it in her former role as assistant principal at Northville High School.

"The concept behind the professional

learning communities is to switch the emphasis from teaching to student learning," said Brown. "The teachers have more collaborative time and time to make sure the kids really get the content."

"These learning communities are my vision, the district's vision and I'm in line with that," she added. "Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and do it as a team."

Brown was also a teacher at Huron High School in Ann Arbor for 18 years. At every level of her career, she said she has learned that all energies have to be directed at student learning. It's about the heart of the children and the students' learning.

In the past, she has created a task force to study socially and economically diverse students. Brown coordinated, identified and honored challenges from children of various economic profiles. She also integrated the challenge into staff development programs to raise consciousness and enhance the educational experience, she said.

Other educational works include coordinating staff development programs, mentoring programs and organizing an eighth and ninth grade summer transition program. It established a committee to design, secure funding and implement the middle and high school transitional

program for at-risk eighth grade students in Northville.

"I have a real affinity to make sure teachers are successful and have the tools to do so," Brown said. "I feel I can bring my years of experience in faculty and students. That's one strength. Also, staff collaboration. I believe in teamwork and doing what's best. That's really important to me."

"Belleville and Huron High School are similar," she added. "The 18-years working at Huron, as well as the things I've learned from Northville will serve me well in Belleville."



Shelia Brown

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Valuable life lessons hit home in

The world would be a much better place if we all understood each other and worked for the common good.

That's the underlying theme behind *The Ant Bully*, an animated film based on the children's book of the same name.

The film takes some time to get to that message, though, and of course uses an unlikely hero to do it.

Enter Lucas Nickle (Zach Tyler Esien), a child with problems of his own. The neighborhood bully has given him so many wedgies that he's running out of underwear and he can't do much about it: "What're you going to do," the bully asks him. "I am big and you are small."

Lucas takes his frustrations out on an ant colony developing in his front yard. Using some of the same words ("What are you going to do about it, ant? I am big and you are small."), he is

successful at it that he earns the name 'Destroyer' from the ants. Those ants aren't so bad, after all—they're just busy little creatures working to build up the colony.

One of them, a wizard named Zok (voiced by Nicolas Cage) has an idea, too. He's developed a potion that will shrink The Destroyer (who also goes by the name 'Peanut') to their size.

The plan works and soon Lucas is ant-sized and sentenced by the Ant Queen (Meryl Streep) for his crimes. His punishment? To become an ant, to learn all about the colony and find 'the ant within.'

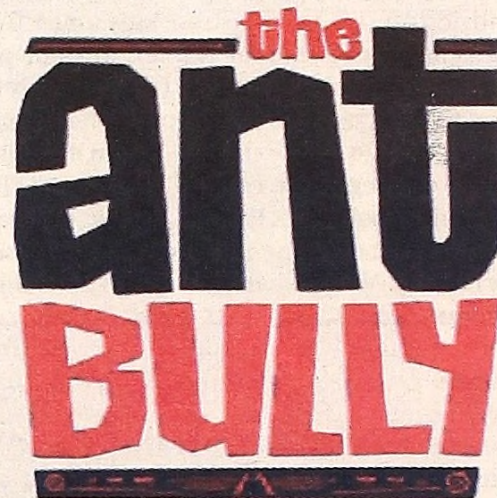
He's tutored by Hova (voiced by Julia Roberts) and Kreela (Regina King), who urge him to find his own place in the colony.

Lucas, of course, wants no part of it. He's used to being a loner and that's how he wants to remain. He accidentally saves the day on a couple of occasions, though, first in a foraging exercise and later during an attack by some nasty flying insects.

After that he's hailed as a hero by all except Zok, who doesn't like the attention Hova is giving him.

"He saved himself," Zok says. "The rest of us just got in the way."

Soon a new threat emerges, the imminent arrival of Stan Beals (Paul Giamatti), the owner and operating of the Beals A Bug extermination company.



Known as the Cloud Breather among the ant colony, he's due at any minute to fulfill a contract he tricked Lucas into signing after his parents went away for a vacation.

The only way to stop this catastrophe is to work together—child, ants and nasty flying bugs, alike.

The animation in the film is top notch.

The final battle between the bugs and Beals is a wonder, a eye-popping send up to classic movie battles where fleets of flying insects make heroic, nearly suicidal diving runs at their gigantic enemy.

The message behind the film is good, too, although a little heavy handed. The constant reference to a hive-like society where everyone plays their part to advance the community gave me the chills after a while. I'd much rather watch a film that encouraged creativity and free thinking, rather than on the importance of foragers or regurgitators.

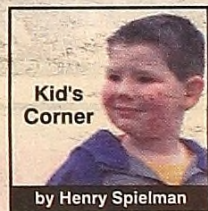
I'd like to say, too, that that the film inspired a change in my attitude toward insects, too. Sadly, that is not the case. The colonies slowly destroying my lawn are still toast.

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor



Kid's corner

By Henry Spielman



Ants rule!

I really liked this movie a lot. I liked the part where Lucas (Zach Tyler Esien) burps really loud and one of the ants says: 'Praise the mother.' That was funny. I liked the part where they landed on the Exterminator's (Paul Giamatti) head and found all the bugs there. It made me think different about ants. Ants rule!

Ricky Bobby runs out of gas in Talladega Nights

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



Will Ferrell is a funny guy, there's no debating that.

The question is: why can't he carry a movie as a lead.

His stint on "Saturday Night Live" and bit pieces in movies like *Old School* and even *Winter Passing* prove he is likeable in small doses. He was even nominated for a Golden Globe as best supporting actor in a musical or comedy in his role in the big screen adaptation of the Broadway sensation, *The Producers*.

However, leading in films like *Elf*, *Bewitched* and *Kicking and Screaming*—all annoying at best—show he doesn't have the

ability to carry a film on his own. And now you can add the newly released *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby* to that list.

Ferrell showed promise as the title character in the likable yet grossly long *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*—a strangely similar title that leads to an awfully familiar movie. Even the initials of the main characters are the same. Coincidence or not? Let's hope it's only an accident. But if the trend continues we might next see Ferrell as an over-aged rock star in *Superstar: The Chronicles of Rip Black* or as a

slow moving but powerful NFL walk-on football player in *Monday Night Lights: The Way Too Long Yarn of Rocky Bartholomew*. Don't laugh, it's possible.

Talladega Nights is Ron Burgundy in a racecar. Although Rick Bobby is a little more innocent, despite his racetrack bragadocio, and doesn't have the cool Ron Burgundy mustache, it's the same story, warmed over by the burning rubber of NASCAR glory.

From his conception—a quickie in the restroom of the

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Ballad

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Rustler's Steak House in North Carolina—to his birth in the back of a speeding Chevelle to him racing his mamma's station wagon as a toddler to his impromptu induction in to NASCAR racing is all evidence that Ricky Bobby is meant to go fast.

And he does. He starts out as a jack man in the pit crew for racer Terry Cheveax (a cameo by director Adam McKay, who also directed *Anchorman*). Cheveax makes an unscheduled pit stop in the middle of the Talladega 500 to eat a chicken sandwich. The crew needs a driver and Ricky Bobby is their man. He somehow comes in third and that's the start of his stellar career. He, along with loyal childhood friend and eventual racing teammate Cal Naughton (John C.

Reilly), become a fearsome duo always winning the top two spots with Ricky always coming in first.

Things can't get any better. Ricky marries trophy wife, Carley (Leslie Bibb), who, despite Ricky winning more than \$20 million a year, always wants more and has two of the meanest, nastiest kids any one could ask for named Walker and Texas Ranger (TR as they call him). I'm sure there are a ton of jokes in there somewhere but I just couldn't find them. The rest of the audience laughed it up.

If there was ever a skidding halt to a movie it would have to be the agonizingly long dinner grace Ricky gives at a table stocked with Domino's Pizza, Taco Bell and PowerAde. Ricky rambles on about thanks in between arguments about who he should be praying to—"little baby infant Jesus" or the "older bearded one." It doesn't matter because it's neither important

nor funny.

Life is good until the team adds a third driver, Jean Girard. Sacha Baron Cohen (a.k.a. Ali G) plays the flamboyant, Espresso-drinking, croissant-eating gay French Formula One driver—his husband, Gregory, is played by Andy Richter—bent on challenging Ricky Bobby for NASCAR Supremacy.

He does just that. In the first race against each other, Ricky, with his win-at-all-cost attitude ends up flying though the air in a horrific crash. After that he loses his confidence, his job and his wife. He and his two sons go to live with his mother Lucy Bobby, (Jane Lynch) where he must face his demons, meaning his wayward malt liquor drinking father, Reese (Gary Cole)—who left the family long ago to also pursue a life in racing.

Ricky finally gets his courage back, after some outrageous techniques used by his father, in time to race in the...yep, you guessed it, the Talladega 500.

It's the same rags-to-riches to rags-to-richest storyline as *Anchorman* but less funny. Talladega Nights was one of those movies where I felt anxious to leave all the way through. What made it worse is that other moviegoers were enjoying it. I was, however, thankful for one thing, though: matinee prices.

Audiences can either buckle up and hope for the best or can race in the opposite direction because I saw no checkered flag as Ferrell and Talladega Nights sputters along to the finish line.



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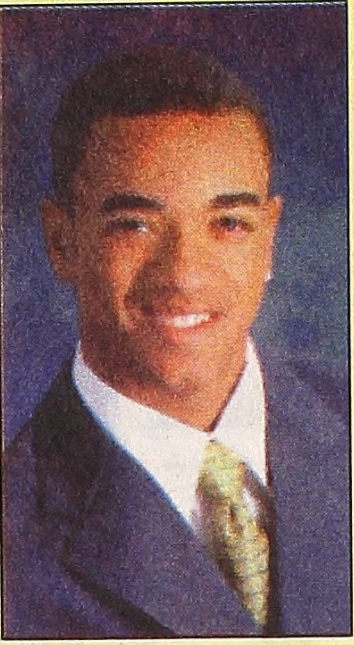
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He's lovin' it

Would you like \$1,000 with that? Alexander Harvey of Canton Township was recently awarded that amount in a scholarship from the Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association. Harvey, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, worked at McDonald's in Canton while serving as captain of the varsity basketball squad and earning a 3.4 grade point average. Harvey is the oldest of three boys in a single parent home, caring for his mother who has been on dialysis for more than 10 years.



9th planning meeting is set

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission will host a ninth meeting on future land use Sept. 27 in a series dedicated to the township south side master plan.

All residents—property owners, business owners, civic and community groups—are encouraged to attend and participate. The two-hour session will start at 7:30 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall, located at 46425 Tyler Road and focus on the draft of the south side master plan for Van Buren Township.

Township officials started the process in February. The south side of the township includes the land area between the I-94 expressway and Bemis Road to the south and Rawsonville Road on the west to Hannan Road on the east. The update should be complete in the late fall of 2006, according to officials.

The agenda will include a presentation of land use alternative called the Belleville Center Plan. Data from the various visioning sessions, planning and land use exercises, along with public comment received from area residents, property and business owners and the

board of trustees will be included. The community wants to adopt a vision created by the residents of the township to guide future land use in the southern portion of the township, according to officials.

Community planning consultants from McKenna Associates from Northville and township officials will attend the meeting.

Officials hope many people will attend the workshop.

For more information, contact the Van Buren Township Department of Developmental Services at (734) 699-8913 or visit www.VanBurenMI.com.

Salvation Army food pantry seeks donations, cash

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Residents in tough financial situations often turn to the Salvation Army in Westland for assistance, but now, the organization could use some help.

The Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps offers numerous need-based programs, including a frequently utilized food pantry designed to help families from Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus, and New Boston.

"We try to supply three meals for three days," said Capt. Malinda O'Neil of the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps. "We probably give away 30 boxes of food away each day and we

could probably do even more."

Food requests have increases to the point that the food pantry is starting to run low on supplies. According to O'Neil, it is problem that the post routinely faces this time of year.

"The reason the pantry runs low this time of year is we're thought of at Christmas and during the coldest months of the year, but the demand is there all year long," she said.

As a result, she said, the shelves become increasingly bare and the Salvation Army could use "pretty much everything." She said that the greatest need is for nonperishable foods that are good sources of protein, such as canned meats, tuna fish,

peanut butter, and cereals. However, she added that even the canned vegetables that make up the bulk of the items donated are becoming scarcer as the demand continues to outpace the supply.

Anyone interested donating to the Salvation Army food pantry can bring their items to the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The

post is located at 2300 Venoy Road between Palmer and Glenwood roads. O'Neil said that food donations of any size would be appreciated. The Salvation Army would also be interested in monetary donations and is seeking individuals who may be willing to volunteer a few hours of their time.

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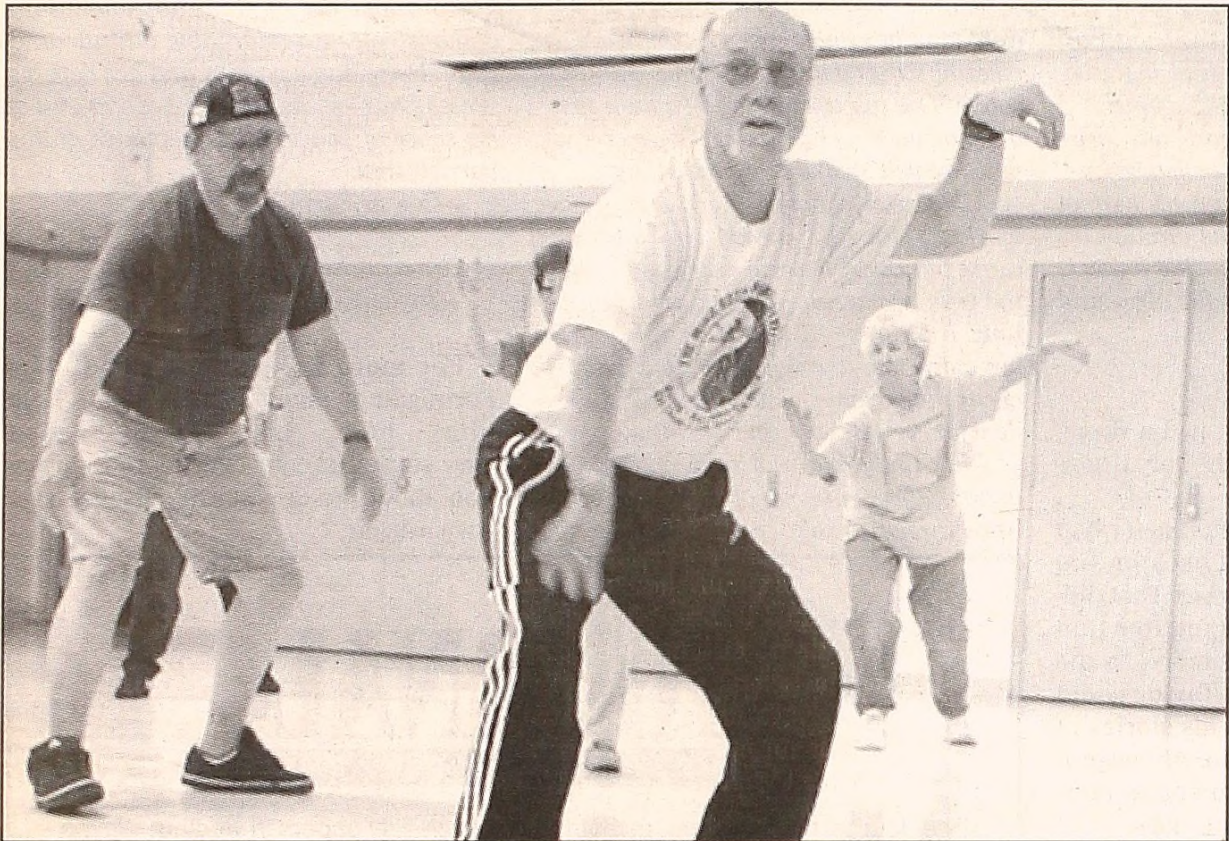
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Tim Formigan, a man of many talents instructs several of his students in Tai Chi before being struck with ALS last spring.

Martial artist's fight inspires family, friends

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Every now and then there comes a person unto the world that embeds themselves into the lives others.

They teach, they inspire, they listen, they advise and—most of all—they change lives. They are strong in the face of adversity—not just in their own lives but others', too. They are courageous, not just when they need to be but when others need them to be, also.

For the people of Westland and beyond that person came in the form of Tim Formigan, a martial arts instructor, mentor and friend.

Formigan has a vast knowledge and long history in the martial arts. He started out boxing in the Marine Corp from 1969 to 1972. That led to professional full-contact Karate from 1976 to 1978. Since then he has trained in everything from Shotokan, Kempo and Tae Kwan Do to Judo and Aikido.

He has been a personal trainer since 1975 and was the founder of the American Arts Health Academy in 1976. He managed the Karate and Judo Schools of America and was the

co-founder of Jukido Kenpo Jiu-Jitsu.

He was then certified to teach Tai Chi Chuan in 1980. He also worked as a personal trainer for the Olympic team in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan training centers. He then founded The Mind, Body, and Spirit Institute in 1990.

Formigan has had ongoing teachings of Kickboxing and Tai Chi and stress management at the Henry Ford Community College since 1993. He's taught Kickboxing and Tai Chi through the Plymouth-Canton School system since 1997 and the Westland Bailey Recreation Center since 1998 and Kickboxing and fitness training at Schoolcraft Community College since 2000.

Furthermore, Formigan taught Tai Chi at the Michigan Ford Truck Plant, the Sheldon Visteon Plant, and at the Wayne Friendship Center. Beyond his classes, he is a holistic healer and hypnotherapist.

A little more than a year ago Formigan was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), a devastating illness that rapidly depletes the physical body and fells heroes. Formigan is at the point where he needs constant

care, ventilators and cough-assist machines to breathe and survive.

However, his spirit remains impervious and his lessons are evermore alive.

This is the story of Tim Formigan told through the eyes of his family and friends.

I have had the honor of knowing Tim since 2002. In the time I've known him, he has touched more lives in an angelic way than anyone I know. One of his students/friends stated Tim could convert the Devil to good! I don't think there are enough words to express how remarkable this man is. He truly is an inspiration to me.

He has been a best friend, a father figure, and soul-healer for me. He is an honorable man who is very humble and grateful for life. He always told me to love myself - and in turn, the world will love you back.

Watching this man crumble at the fate of ALS has been utterly devastating. He taught his classes up until he could no longer drive - and even then, was brought in by his son, Andres, to his continued classes (by myself and Cody (Watkins)) to help instruct while he was in his wheel chair! He is so determined to help everyone. He is the reason I have changed my life around and have dedicated my life to martial arts.

—Debbie Sheppard

Tim is a leader not only as a master martial artist and kick boxer but he is a leader of people in a high sense of morale. He bonds on a level with people of all ages and all races. Everyone in the classes loves his spunk and fire. His passion for the arts makes you want to push harder to achieve a higher level of accomplishment. Tim is a very

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Great Scots! Celtics coach soccer camp

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A tall man in a green shirt barked orders as participants and coaches of the Canton Soccer Club camp gathered on the hill at Independence Park in Canton Township.

"I can't understand a word of what you are saying," yelled one of the young participants as he plopped to the ground among the hundreds of other players for the group photo.

The youngster and the man both smiled about the remark, but the player was partially

serious. It wasn't a typical Canton coach he spoke to, but a burly green-clad Scotsman with a very thick accent...who was hard to understand.

Last week, 13 players from the Celtic Football Club—a professional football team based in Scotland—crossed the Pond (the Atlantic Ocean) and invaded the Canton Soccer Club camp to help train club players of all ages.

The incident sparked a series of smiles and laughs from other members and

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Participants of all ages learned different skills from the Scottish Celtic soccer players at the Canton Soccer Club camp last week.

Former Glenn wrestler aims for NCAA national championship

Kristyn Peterson
Staff Writer

The best advice Daron Cruickshank ever received was not to work hard or to follow his dreams. It was to stay away from girls—especially during wrestling season, he said.

"I don't know how well I followed it, but it's a good idea," Cruickshank said.

Whether he followed the advice or not, something worked for the Glenn graduate during the 2005-2006 collegiate wrestling season. During his second year of wrestling at Muskegon Community College, Cruickshank placed second in the nation in the 165 pound weight class at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in

Minnesota. "Winning semifinals in overtime was the most exciting moment of the entire season," he said.

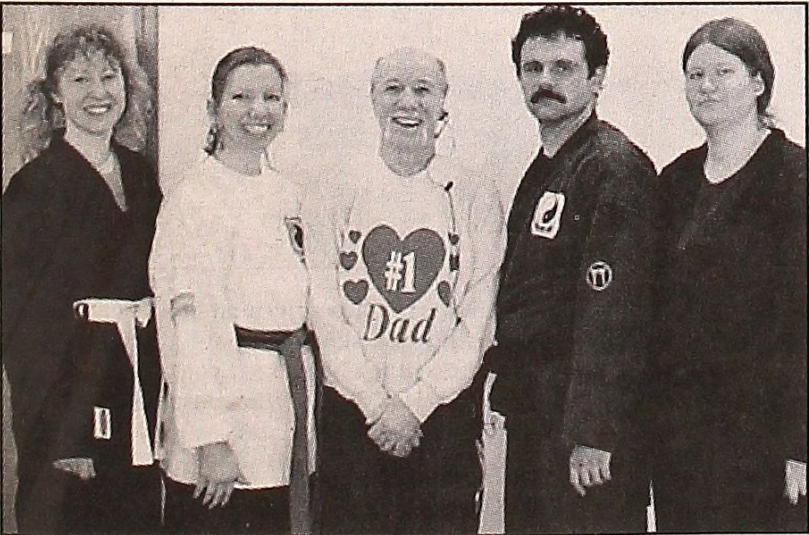
This fall the Inkster native will continue his wrestling career in a new place, with new teammates and new coaches.

"Olivet is a small school. It's smaller than Muskegon and I think it's even smaller than Glenn," he said.

Despite the small population, Cruickshank hopes to accomplish big goals with the Olivet Comets, who won the 2006 Midwest Division III regional meet.

"I plan on being the division three national champion this year," he said.

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Formigan, also the "Wold's Greatest Dad," stands with several of his loyal students and assistants after a training session.

SPORTS

Formigan

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patient man with a lot of wisdom to offer and never turns anyone away (even long after class has been over)
—Tom Furbacher

Formigan's Kickboxing and Tai Chi classes continue to this day. Sheppard has continued teaching Kickboxing and Tai Chi at the Ford Sheldon Truck Plant, Westland Bailey Recreation Center and have brought the knowledge passed to me to other local establishments such as the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant and All-Star Karate in Livonia. Cody Watkins continues to teach his Kickboxing classes at the Bailey Center, too. His presence, however, is always there.

Tim is a very special person. He is now at home in Westland with his family, and seems to still have his sense of humor.

Many of his students held a fundraiser for him at Joey's Comedy Club a few months back, and the number of people there on Tim's behalf was almost overwhelming. Tim was there and it was great to see him.

Tim has spent most of his adult life as a martial arts instructor. Students have always enjoyed his ability to teach large numbers while providing one-to-one attention during those classes to each student.

Tim continued to teach through the early part of the summer of 2005, slowly turning the reins over to two of his assistant teachers who instruct with the same level of passion and thoroughness that he does.
—Margaret Martin

I have known Tim for just under a year now. I met him when I called an unknown phone number to inquire about a cardio kickboxing class for my 10-year-old daughter and myself. That first 45-minute phone call turned into a lifelong friendship.

Everyone who knows Tim remembers the first time they met him. Although those stories may differ, the end results are all the same—Tim Formigan changed all of our lives. He is a truly gently soul with an incredible spirit and a faith that is unwavering even during the toughest of times.

He is our Sensei, our mentor, our inspiration and above all our dear, dear friend. Tim never gave up on us and we cannot give up on him. He shows us through his commitment and dedication what living is all about. Tim is a wonderful man and everyone should know about him.
—Rene' Eastin

Eastin's daughter, Taylor, had a strong connection with Tim from the very beginning.

She said Taylor was heartbroken when Formigan started cutting back on the amount of classes in December. That didn't matter. The mother-daughter duo made weekly visits, if not more, to the Formigans' home so that Taylor could read to Tim and listen to his stories of wisdom, according to Eastin. Although it is too difficult for Tim to speak now, Taylor still continues with the visits.

Formigan's respiratory status continues to decline. He needs suction throughout the day and night to keep his airways clear enough to breath, according to his wife, Connie Formigan. He uses a non-invasive ventilator to expand his lungs. He cannot cough himself, so he needs to use a cough-assist machine that expands his lungs and "vacuums" out secretions.

The disease hasn't been easy financially either.

At the time of this article the Formigans will have lost their medical benefits because they don't currently have an income. Tim still has not received his Social Security disability payments despite receiving an award letter from Social Security dated back in May. His Veterans Benefits have been

refused, too, even though he served our country during the Vietnam War.

Tim is unable to communicate verbally right now, but sometimes we can figure out what he's trying to say by using a chart of letters. This disease is literally taking something away from him daily. We never know what we will awaken to in the morning.

ALS is such a devastating disease. I have worked with ALS patients as a hospice nurse but could never possibly understand the true impact on patients and families until I experienced it firsthand. It toppled our entire world upside down and the stress of caring for someone who is totally dependent for everything is overwhelming.

Our family financial situation has been greatly affected by all of this. I have now been forced to take an unpaid leave of

absence from my work to care for him because of the skilled nursing necessary to keep him breathing.

Amongst all of this, however, Tim demonstrates a remarkable attitude and spirit. He remains positive and has kept his sense of humor. As his wife, I am in awe of his sense of peace and acceptance of this horrible trial.

—Connie Formigan

Tim is my hero.
—Taylor Eastin

For more information about Tim Formigan or about fundraisers to help him and his family visit www.senseitim.com. For more information about the devastating disease visit www.asla.org.

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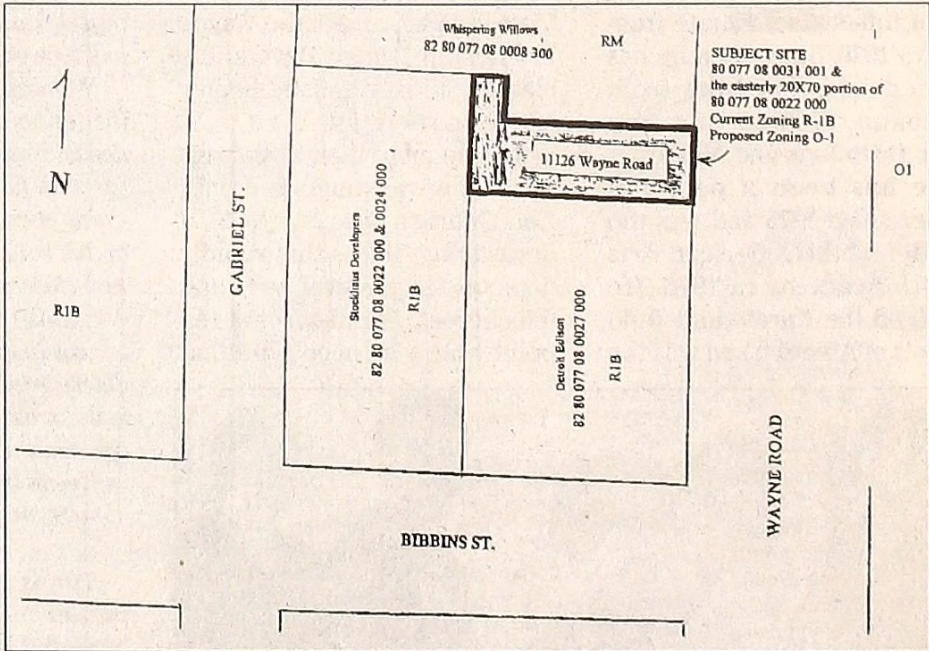
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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2006, for the purpose of considering a proposed rezoning request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider amending the rezoning of 0.11+- acres DP# 82-80-077-08-0031-001 of R1-B, Single Family Residential District property to O-1, Office Service District to include 0.03+- acres of the easterly portion (20X70) of DP# 82-80-077-08-0022-000. The subject property is located on the west side of Wayne Road; between Goddard and Bibbins Roads. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, August 21, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

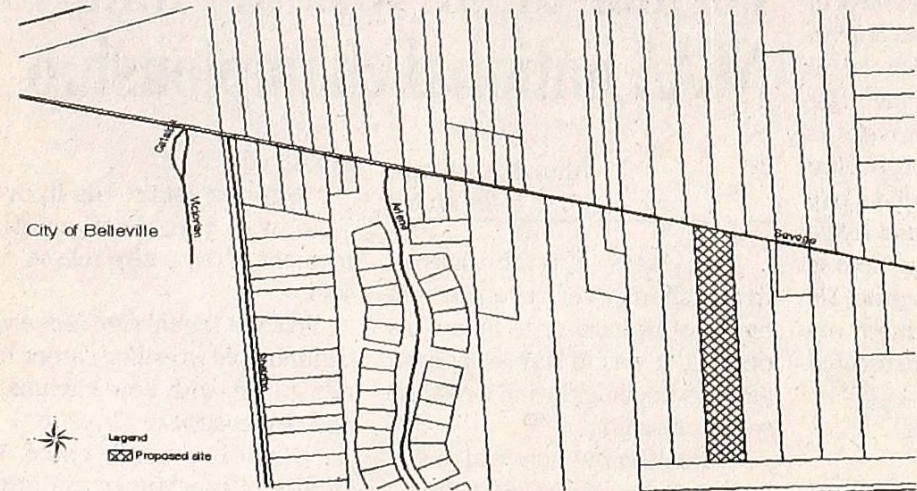
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday August 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This property is located on the south side of Savage Road between Arlene Lane and Martinsville Road whose parcel tax ID number is V125-83-105-990026-000 also known as 970 Savage. A map indicating the location of the proposed site is below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for Child Care Centers per Section 7.03(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., on the date of the hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Soccer

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coaches.

“You’d think you’d be used to it by now,” said the man.

That’s how the week went for the participants: for the most part, fun.

“They’ve been great,” said 12-year-old Meg Riley of her visiting coaches. “We’ve had a lot of fun but it’s been a lot of hard work, too. But that’s what makes us winners. I’ve learned a lot from them.”

The Celtic group, which was established in 1888 and has a fan base of about 9 million worldwide, took over the camp and taught soccer fundamentals, played games and directed scrimmages for the Canton Club. The camp was actually a spin-off of the Celtic Football Club’s largely successful community program in Scotland.

“We wanted to come and showcase what the club is all about,” said Graeme Mathie, a member of the Celtic Football Club. “It’s a fantastic club to work for and a fantastic club to be a part of and we’re here to just really give the kids of Canton a different experience, a different style of play and hopefully get them involved and see what Celtic football is all about.”

It was a busy week preparing for the camp, catering to the out-of-town guests and battling the sweltering temperatures, but Canton Soccer Club Director Pete Alexander said it was worth the process that actually started in January.

“Everyone has been so excited for this week,” he said. “(The Celtic play-



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ers) have been great. They’re trying to show the kids a different type of game and a different type of philosophy and making it a good experience for them. The kids are having fun but they’ve learned a lot, too.”

Another goal, he said, would be to set up a partnership or an affiliation with the Celtic Football Club. That would afford the opportunity for players, coaches and trainers to go to Scotland for even more experience.

If that opportunity ever comes up, Helen Riley said she would have no qualms about letting her daughter Meg participate.

“We have roots back in Scotland and

Ireland and were in Edinburgh last summer and (Meg) loved it,” she said. “You bet I’d let her go. Any connection that brings her a larger world is a wonderful thing”

Mathie hopes he and the rest of the crew get invited back to Canton.

“We’ve been looked after,” he said. “All of the guys and the parents as well have been excellent and we couldn’t have asked for anything better.

“We committed to being here and we’re committed to doing a good job and hopefully the feedback has been good for all of us so we can come back and do some more things in the future.”

Cruickshank

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“Before the season started and even before practices started I would always mess around with my coach asking if I looked like a national champion yet. He kept saying ‘no’. So I knew I had to work harder,” he added.

According to Cruickshank, hard work and a positive attitude are what it’s all about, especially when things get difficult.

“The first day of nationals I had to cut 13 pounds to make weight, and the second day I had to cut eight. It came down to getting the job done and I was able to do that,” he said. “You really have to have a good attitude to succeed.”

Judging by the number of schools interested in Cruickshank, whose junior college eligibility expired at the end of the 2006 season, he had done something right. Before deciding on Olivet, Cruickshank looked at Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University and the division three national champion Wartburg College in Iowa.

“The Olivet coach called me even before I placed at NJCAA’s, and it’s a lot closer than some of the other schools. I didn’t want to go out of state,” Cruickshank said. “They have two really nice looking gyms and a good program.”

“Plus my high school coaches went there,” he added.

Cruickshank lists his high school coaches Bill Polk and Jeremy Harris among the most influential coaches he has ever trained under, he said.

“They were like big brother figures to me. They really helped me out a lot,” he said. “Besides that, they really taught me that if you have a dream, and you work hard enough, you can accomplish it”

That’s the second best advice he’s ever been given, he said.

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LARSEN, Sarah Langworthy, 98, died peacefully May 13, 2006 in Holland, MI. She was born in Oakland Township, but lived most of her adult life in Wayne, MI where she was involved in Girl Scouting, the Wayne Arche Club, Literary Club, and First Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by husbands, Harold Langworthy (in '73) and Wayne Larsen (in '88). Family members are daughter, Lucy (Thomas) Larsen of Holland; grandchildren Suzanne (Paul) Jones of Holland, and Matthew (Kimberly) Larsen of Caledonia; and five great grandchildren. Services were at the Wayne-Westland United Methodist Church on May 17. Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Holland, MI, Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, and the Wayne-Westland First United Methodist Church.

THOMASON, Patricia E., age 78 of Westland, August 7, 2006. Loving mother of John (Gayle) Thomason, Linda (Jerry) Johnston, Janice (George) Vargo and Tommy Thomason. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen Funeral Home (&34-326-1300). To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

PAWLOWSKI, Violet

Violet L. Pawlowski, 85, of Romulus, died July 6. Among her survivors are her daughters, Denise Pawlowski and Janet L. Cook, both of Romulus; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pawlowski was formerly a member of the The Altar Society at St. Aloysius Catholic Church and TOPS. She previously worked with the hot lunch program at the Romulus schools and was a member of the Englebert Humperdink Fan Club.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Environmental Director Swallow, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Captain Brooks, Captain Laurain, Lieutenant Brooks, Lieutenant Thornsby, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-two (42).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 17, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King, Director Champagne, Trustee Clair and Trustee Rochowiak announced the promotions of Lieutenant Ken Brooks and Sergeant Greg Laurain to the rank of Captain and Sergeant Dennis Brooks and Sergeant Ernie Thornsby to the rank of Lieutenant and presented them with their badges.

Supervisor King announced Van Buren Township Hall is a weather shelter and during this hot weather residents may come in to cool off in the Senior Center and Gymnasium. The township hall is open from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Canton Director of Public Safety sent a letter of thanks to Director Champagne and the Van Buren Police Department for their assistance during the IKEA store opening in June. Director Champagne stated IKEA has reimbursed the township for the cost of this service.

The 60th Annual Wayne County Fair will be held on August 7th through August 12th and the fairgrounds are located at 10871 Quirk Road. For further information contact the Fairgrounds at 734.697.7002 or on the web at www.waynecountyfair.net.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bishop Park in Wyandotte in Parking Lot #1, located on Van Alstyne Street off Biddle, between Elm and Oak Streets. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

A notice from the Water and Sewer Department advised the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions. Beginning immediately through September addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those whose address ends in even numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Patrol and Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented, noting one item remains outstanding and under negotiation. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the Job Description for the Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development as presented and to approve the Personal Services Agreement between the Township and Daniel Swallow and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to allow Trustee Jahr to abstain from voting on “New Business” Item # 3 “Consider adoption of Resolution 2006-23, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Township and Wayne County for the reconstruction of the public roads within Lake Crest and Belle Harbour Estates Subdivisions and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement.” as he is a benefited party of this item. Carried.

Payne moved, Clair seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-23, the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Van Buren for the replacement of eight roads in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbour Estates Subdivisions and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Wade-Trim Associates’ proposal dated July 21, 2006 to provide construction engineering and administration and post-construction engineering services for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project #5257-01, Contracts 1 and 2, for the Van Buren Sanitary Sewer Wet-Weather Equalization Basin and Relief Sewer Project on a time and materials basis, using the approved Wade-Trim rate schedule in effect at the time the work is performed, at a cost not to exceed \$1,257,062; to approve when earned, payment to Wade-Trim for construction observation services for Contract 1 at \$525 per day (included in the construction contractor’s bid price); and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign acceptance of

the proposal, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the SRF Program. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-24 to tentatively award the bid for the construction contract for SRF Project #5257-01, Sanitary Sewer Wet-Weather Equalization Basin and Relief Sewer, Contract 1, Haggerty Road Pump Station and Relief Sewer to the low bidder, Six-S, Inc., in the amount of \$2,845,139 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the SRF Program, and to authorize a contingency in the amount of \$284,514 (10 percent of construction cost) for use by the Director of Water and Sewer Operations in approving change orders and additional construction costs that may arise during construction. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-25 to tentatively award the bid for construction contract for SRF Project #5257-01, Sanitary Sewer Wet-Weather Equalization Basin and Relief Sewer, Contract 2 Equalization Basin, to the low bidder, Walbridge Aldinger, in the amount of \$6,275,000, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the SRF Program, and to authorize a contingency in the amount of \$627,500 (10 percent of construction cost) for use by the Director of Water and Sewer Operations in approving change orders and additional construction costs that may arise during construction. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to authorize the creation of a committee comprised of the Township Treasurer, the Water and Sewer Director, the Water and Sewer Superintendent, and Water and Sewer Commissioner Cornellier to negotiate a contract with AMCO Metering Systems for the Itron Fixed Network System and AMCO meters including all necessary costs for implementation such as co-locating on cell towers, installation of poles, installation of fixed network radio collection units, acquisition and installation of necessary computer hardware and software, and initiation of electrical service. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of Sarah Brown and Lila Warner to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2008. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Andrea Gornick, Raymond Bailey and Max Johnson to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire July 31, 2008. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the August 1, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the June 2006 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Payne announced Absentee Ballots are available in the Clerk’s Office for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election. In addition, the Clerk’s Office will be open on Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of processing Absentee Ballots. Contact the Clerk’s Office at 699.8909 for additional information on voting.

Trustee Clair announced the final South Side Master Plan Workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at South Middle School.

Treasurer Budd stated summer tax bills can be paid via charge card on-line and there is also a drop box located in the Public Safety Lobby.

Director Ross announced the Sizzling Summer Nights Concert Series at Van Buren Park as follows: on Friday, August 4th the Twistin’ Trantulas - Rockabilly and on Friday, August 11th Crossroads – Country. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Also, the Tiger Game trip for Friday, August 18th is sold out. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Trustee Clair stated the Belleville Community Band will perform on Sunday, August 6th at 3:00 p.m. in Victory Park located in the City of the Belleville.

A member of the Citizens for a Better Community announced their support for Larry Fix as the Van Buren Township Trustee position and requested voters to vote in favor of the Non-Homestead School Tax Proposal both are on the August 8th Primary ballot.

Tom Dipietro stated a picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. as a fund raiser for his campaign for 34th District Court Judge at Quirk Park.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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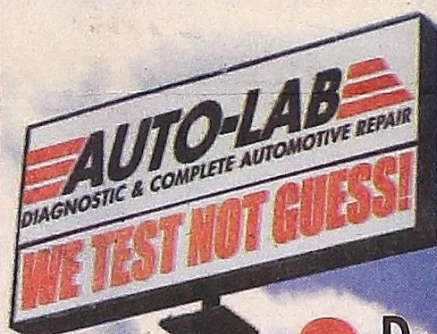
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